

EXHIBIT J

**BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC**

885 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

January 1, 2001

Bank of New York
1 Wall Street – 42nd Floor
New York, New York 10286

Attn: E.A. Rivera

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On January 1, 2001, Bernard L. Madoff, a sole proprietorship (the “Sole Proprietorship”) changed its legal status from a sole proprietorship to a limited liability company. The name of the limited liability company is Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (the “Company”), a New York limited liability company (the “Company”). The sole member of the Company is Bernard L. Madoff. The Sole Proprietorship, the Company and Bernard L. Madoff as the sole member of the Company have delivered to the Bank of New York (“BONY”) certain agreements, certificates, resolutions and other documentation (collectively, the “Documents”) in connection with opening certain accounts with BONY and the Company’s participation/membership in The Depository Trust Company, the National Securities Clearing Corporation and The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”). Please be advised that each of the Documents so delivered were true and complete when completed, executed and delivered and are true and complete at the date hereof, with the same effect as though executed and delivered this date.

Very truly yours,

BERNARD L. MADOFF, a sole proprietorship

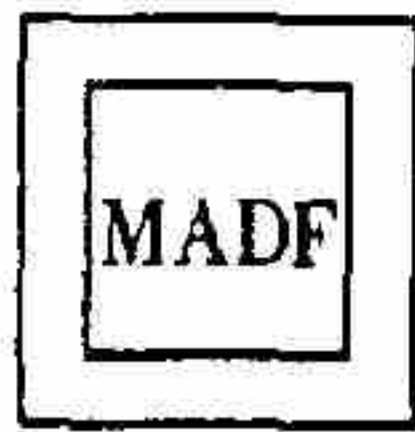
BERNARD L. MADOFF
INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC

By: _____
Bernard L. Madoff, sole proprietor

By: _____
Bernard L. Madoff, sole member

Bernard L. Madoff, as sole member of the Company

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January 1, 2001

National Securities Clearing Corporation
55 Water Street
New York, New York 10041

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Very truly yours,

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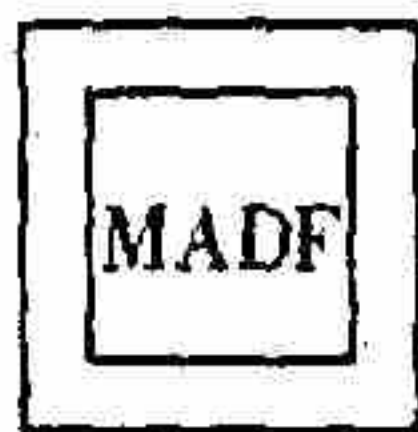
Bernard L. Madoff, sole member

Bernard L. Madoff, as sole member of the Company

Affiliated with:

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12 Berkeley Street, Mayfair, London W1X 5AD. Tel 0171-493 6222

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January 1, 2001

The Options Clearing Corporation
17 State Street- Floor 6
New York, New York 10004

Attn: Ms. Cheryl Coston

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Very truly yours,

BERNARD L. MADOFF, a sole proprietorship

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INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC

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Bernard L. Madoff, sole proprietor

By: 
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January 1, 2001

The Depository Trust Company
55 Water Street – 50th Floor
New York, New York 10041-0099

Attn: Director of Compliance

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